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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board will hold a workshop to receive information concerning technical studies to be conducted by the Merced Irrigation District under Investigation Order WR 2011-0003-EXEC

The **Public Workshop** will commence on

Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will hold a public workshop, at which a quorum of the State Water Board may be present, to receive technical information relating to studies called for in Investigation [Order WR 2011-003-EXEC](#) (Order). The Order was issued to the Merced Irrigation District (Merced ID) for the purpose of obtaining needed technical information regarding the impacts of the Merced ID's Merced River Hydroelectric Project (Project) and other related operations on the Merced and San Joaquin Rivers. Further information on the workshop will be released in May to our electronic mailing list.

The State Water Board will take no formal action during the workshop.

BACKGROUND

The Merced ID is seeking a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license for its existing Project. As part of the relicensing process, the State Water Board intends to issue a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification for the Project. On January 28, 2011, the State Water Board issued the Order to the Merced ID, which contained requests for information and study results as described in the Order. On February 28, 2011, the Merced ID filed a petition for reconsideration and a request to stay the order. The request for stay was denied at the State Water Board's April 19, 2011 meeting. At that meeting, several interested persons and the Board Members expressed interest in holding a technical workshop for the purpose of gathering and examining any additional information needed to assess the impacts of the Merced ID's Project on water quality and the protection of beneficial uses in the Merced and San Joaquin Rivers. Information obtained at the technical workshop will be used to inform the State Water Board's action on the Merced ID's petition for reconsideration.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

In an effort to reduce reliance on paper mailings, notices and other information distributed by the State Water Board are provided primarily by email. To receive the follow-up information on this workshop, you must subscribe to the Water Rights Water Quality Certification notification list located on the State Water Board's website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

A parking garage is located across from the Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA building with entrances on 10th and 11th Streets between "I" and "J" Streets. Metered parking spaces are also available near the building. For a map, refer to the State Water Board's Web site:

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>.

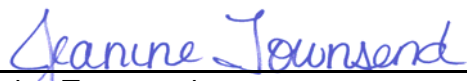
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The Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA Building is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to call (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting date. Persons with hearing or speech impairments can contact us by using the California Relay Service Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). TDD is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device.

HEARING IMPAIRED RELAY SERVICE: TDD to voice 1 800-735-2929; voice to TDD 1-800-735-2922.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Ms. Gail Cismowski at (916) 327-4807 or by email at gcismowski@waterboards.ca.gov.

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